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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a polyester polymer which comprises heating a polyester polymer (C), which has been obtained by ring-opening polymerization of a polymer (A) having hydroxyl and/or ester bonds and cyclic esters (B) containing  $\epsilon$ -caprolactone, in a solid state to a temperature that is not lower than 115°C and lower than 170°C and is lower than the melting point of the polyester polymer (C) to remove a low-boiling component (v) from the polymer (C) obtained by the polymerization, wherein the heating of the polyester polymer (C) in a solid state is performed by flowing a gas (g) heated to a temperature that is not lower than 115°C and lower than 170°C and is lower than the melting point of the polyester polymer (C).

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a polyester polymer according to claim 1 or 2, wherein characterized in that the solid state is a powder form, a particle form or a flake form.

4. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a polyester polymer according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein characterized in that the temperature of heating the polyester polymer (C) in a solid state is 120 to 150°C.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a polyester polymer according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 2 to 4~~, wherein characterized in that the gas (g) contains 1 to 22 vol% of oxygen.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a polyester polymer according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~, wherein characterized in that the polymer (A) is a crystalline aromatic polyester.